

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned patent application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A high voltage surge protection device adapted for use in a CATV system that includes a coaxial cable having a central conductor, an outer conductor concentrically positioned in surrounding relation thereto, and a dielectric layer disposed between the central and outer conductors, said surge protection device comprising:
a housing having an input end and a body portion that defines an internal cavity;
an ~~electronic~~ electrical component positioned entirely within said cavity; and
an electrically conductive, surge protective element positioned between said input end and said ~~electronic~~ electrical component, and in electrically operative communication with said body portion;

wherein said surge protective element is a ring, and where said ring is configured to surround and to not make physical contact with a conductive pin included within said electrical component and where a portion of said ring is in physical and electrical contact with a shoulder formed within said body portion of said housing.

2. (Previously Presented) The high voltage surge protection device of claim 1, wherein said surge protective element includes at least one prong extending radially inward from said ring.

3. (Previously Presented) The high voltage surge protection device of claim 1, wherein said surge protective element is of a width that is about 0.020 inches.

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